

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE  
ON  
HEALTH POLICY**

Tuesday, December 6, 2005

10:30 a.m.

Room 521 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Health Policy was called to order by the Chair.

Members present: Reps. Gaffney, Newell, Robertson, Vander Veen, Hune, Nofs, Ball, Kahn, Green, Mortimer, Adamini, Wojno, McDowell, Murphy, Gleason, Angerer.

Members absent/excused: Rep. Ward.

Representative Robertson moved to approve the minutes of the November 29, 2005 meeting. Representative Adamini supported the motion. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 5239 before the committee.

**HB 5239 Hune** Occupations; health care professions; certified nurse practitioners to determine disability under Michigan employment security act; allow.

Representative Joe Hune, sponsor of HB 5239, testified in support of the bill.

Rebecca Bechler of the Michigan Council of Nurse Practitioners submitted a card in support of the bill, but did not wish to testify.

The following individuals submitted cards in opposition to the bill, but did not wish to testify:

Doug Borruso of the Michigan Osteopathic Association.  
Colin Ford of the Michigan State Medical Society.

The Chair laid HB 4893 before the committee.

**HB 4893 Gaffney** Occupations; athletics; licensure of athletic trainers; provide for.

Jan Lauer and Ann Berry of the Michigan Athletic Trainers Society testified in support of the bill.

Carl Alden of the Michigan Chiropractic Society testified in opposition to the bill.

Orlene Christie of the Michigan Department of Community Health testified and indicated a neutral position on the bill. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

The following individuals submitted cards in support of the bill, but did not wish to testify:

Bill Kandler of the Michigan Orthopedic Society.  
 Felicia Wasson of Ascension Health.  
 Doug Borruso of the Michigan Osteopathic Association.  
 Peter Ruddell of the American Heart Association.

James Ryan of the Michigan Chiropractic Association submitted a card in opposition to the bill, but did not wish to testify.

Terry Vander Veen of the Michigan Physical Therapy Association submitted a card indicating a neutral position on the bill, but did not wish to testify.

### **Presentation**

The Chair laid the issue of reflex sympathetic dystrophy syndrome before the committee.

Allison and Dorothy Switalski of the Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Syndrome Association testified. The Switalskis also submitted written testimony.

The Chair returned to the consideration of HB 4893.

Representative Robertson moved to adopt substitute (H-1) for HB 4893. Representative Gleason supported the motion. **The motion prevailed 14-1-0.**

### **FAVORABLE ROLL CALL**

**Yeas: Reps. Gaffney, Newell, Robertson, Vander Veen, Nofs, Ball, Green, Kahn, Mortimer, Wojno, McDowell, Murphy, Gleason, Angerer.**

**Nays: Rep. Hune.**

**Pass: Rep. Adamini.**

Representative Gaffney offered the following amendment to substitute (H-1) of HB 4893:

1. Amend page 8, following line 13, by inserting:  
 “Enacting section 1. This amendatory act takes effect December 1, 2006.”.

Representative Hune moved to adopt the amendment. Representative Robertson supported the motion. **The motion prevailed 16-0-0.**

### **FAVORABLE ROLL CALL**

**Yeas: Reps. Gaffney, Newell, Robertson, Vander Veen, Hune, Nofs, Ball, Green, Kahn, Mortimer, Adamini, Wojno, McDowell, Murphy, Gleason, Angerer.**

**Nays: None.**

**Pass: None.**

Representative Robertson moved to report HB 4893 with recommendation as amended, as

substitute (H-2). Representative Newell supported the motion. **The motion prevailed 15-0-1.**

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL**

**Yeas: Reps. Gaffney, Newell, Robertson, Vander Veen, Hune, Nofs, Ball, Green, Kahn, Mortimer, Wojno, McDowell, Murphy, Gleason, Angerer.**

**Nays: None.**

**Pass: Rep. Adamini.**

The Chair returned to the consideration of HB 5239.

Representative Hune offered the following amendment to HB 5239:

1. Amend page 7, following line 5, by inserting:

**"(11) THIS SECTION DOES NOT REQUIRE NEW OR ADDITIONAL  
THIRD PARTY REIMBURSEMENT OR WORKER'S COMPENSATION BENEFITS  
FOR SERVICES RENDERED."**

Representative Hune moved to adopt the amendment. Representative Robertson supported the motion. **The motion prevailed 15-1-0.**

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL**

**Yeas: Reps. Gaffney, Newell, Robertson, Vander Veen, Hune, Nofs, Ball, Green, Mortimer, Adamini, Wojno, McDowell, Murphy, Gleason, Angerer.**

**Nays: Rep. Kahn.**

**Pass: None.**

Representative Robertson moved to report HB 5239 with recommendation as amended, as substitute (H-1). Representative Gleason supported the motion. **The motion prevailed 13-1-2.**

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL**

**Yeas: Reps. Gaffney, Newell, Robertson, Vander Veen, Hune, Nofs, Ball, Green, Mortimer, Wojno, McDowell, Gleason, Angerer.**

**Nays: Rep. Kahn.**

**Pass: Reps. Adamini, Murphy.**

Representative Robertson moved to excuse the absence of Representative Ward. Representative Adamini supported the motion. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

There being no further business before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:14 a.m.

**Representative Edward Gaffney, Chair**\_\_\_\_\_

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